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Lt. Carl Dondorfer reported that today, August 1st, 2012, at approximately 6:40 am, the *Lake County Sheriff's Office* responded to 3203 North Ridge Road in Perry Township for two (2) separate accidents involving a total of seven (7) vehicles.

Upon arrival at the first accident the Sheriff's Deputies found that a green Chevrolet was disabled in the curb lane of North Ridge Road. The vehicle was operated by Shayla Weger, a 23 year old female from Madison, Ohio. Two vehicles stopped behind the disabled vehicle during heavy rush hour traffic. A third vehicle (2010 KIA driven by Sarah Shumaker, 32 year old female from Perry, Ohio), attempting to avoid the disabled vehicle, as well as vehicles stopped behind it, was unable to stop in time and drove off the right side of the roadway into the front yard of this location. A fourth vehicle (2000 Chrysler Mini-Van driven by Phillip Young, 35 year old Madison man) approaching the stopped traffic was unable to stop in time and collided into a 1998 Volkswagon (operated by Dawn Spriggs, 41 year old female from Madison, Ohio). The Volkswagon was then pushed into the rear of a 1995 Saturn Sedan (operated by Robert Ziefle, a 47 year old male from Geneva, Ohio). In total three (3) vehicles were damaged in this initial accident. All drivers reported no injuries.

After the initial accident a 1998 Dodge Neon (driven by Ryan Simpson, a 31 year old male from Madison, Ohio) stopped in the westbound curb lane for the initial crash. Approaching from the rear, also westbound, was a 1981 Yamaha Motorcycle (driven by James Hoffmann, a 45 year old male from Madison, Ohio). Hoffman failed to maintain an assured clear distance ahead and collided into the rear of the Dodge Neon. Hoffman was ejected from the motorcycle, and was not wearing a helmet. Hoffman sustained serious visible trauma but was conscious. He was transported by rescue to Madison Hospital, and was later flown via life flight to MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. The accident is still under investigation.

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